

Report of the Surgeon General's Workshop
On Organ Procurement—Liver Transplantation
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This short talk by me at a National Institutes of Health Consensus Development Conference is a remarkably concise report on how things work in government, when they work well.

My opening remarks at the Surgeon General's Workshop on "Solid Organ Procurement" on June 7, 1983 appears in this archive with considerable introductory material for the benefit of the user. The Consensus Development Conference is one of the major tools of government in bringing the medical and health public up to speed with the experts on a given subject. Hence, my report on the previous Surgeon General's Workshop was a suitable beginning for the National Institutes of Health Consensus Development Conference, because out of that would come, for the professions and the public where the experts gathered together by the National Institutes of Health stood on consensus on the issue as of the time of the Conference.

The most important part of my report is that it demonstrates what I and the Office of the Surgeon General and associated agencies of the Public Health Service had done to facilitate the findings of the Surgeon General's Workshop from the date it closed until the present. It also promises as part of the continuum, another Surgeon General's Workshop, which will try to fill in the gaps that still exist or will now prominently be displayed as a result of the Consensus Development Conference.

In short, the Keynote Address at the first Surgeon General's Workshop on Organ Procurement, accompanied by my report to the National Institutes of Health on that Conference, and then added to by my forthcoming Surgeon General's Workshop on Organ Procurement #2, give a quick synopsis of government working at its best and its most efficient manner in addressing an issue, although it might be timeless in the future, has very strong implications for the short term.

Of particular interest to the user might be the knowledge provided in this talk of the variety in the universality of the organizations with expertise and experience that have been brought to the Surgeon General's net to accomplish the purposes at hand.

Feasibility of Federation of Transplantation
Organization, American Federation
Of hospitals, American Hospital
Association

Kidney transplantation

Multiple organ procurement for transplan-
tation

Need for a more comprehensive data base

Organ transplantation: kidney, heart, (heart/
lung preparation) liver

Request for funding proposed to Surgeon
General

Response of Surgeon General to Workshop

Role of relatives & the professions on trans-
plantation

Uniform anatomical procedures

Uniform donor cards

Voluntary vs. government program

American Academy of Pediatrics

American College of surgeons

American Liver Foundation

American Medical Association

American Society of Transplant Surgeons

Association for Critical Care Nurses

Battelle Human Affairs

Center for Disease Control

Children's Liver Foundation

Dr. Roger Evans

Gallop Organization

National American Transplant Coordinator
Association

President Ronald Reagan

Dr. Kenneth Sell

Southeastern Organ Procurement Found-
ation

Dr. James Strain

The Living Bank

Henry David Thoreau

United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS)